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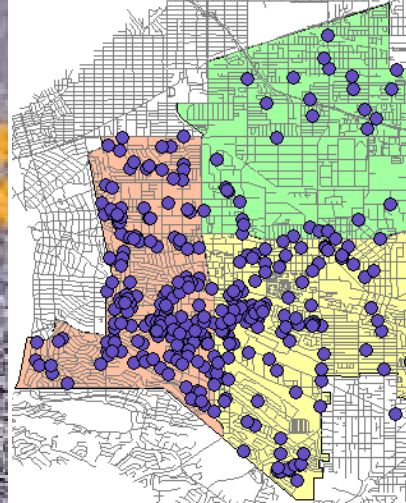


TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME ANALYSIS

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COYOTE ACTIVITY

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DETAILS:

In the two-month period between May 25, 2016 and July 24, 2016, there were 403 reports of coyote sightings and animals attacked / killed by coyotes in Torrance. While no humans have been attacked to date, there are several reports of coyotes following dog walkers. The sightings have occurred all hours of the day and all days of the week in residential front yards, residential backyards and commercial properties. A large majority of animals killed by coyotes has been cats, but also targeted have been dog(s), rabbit(s), bird(s) and tortoise(s). All 403 incidents are plotted in the map above.

THERE ARE SEVEN STEPS OF COYOTE AGGRESSION:

1. Increased coyote presence on streets and in yards at night.
2. An increase in coyotes non-aggressively approaching adults and/or taking pets at night.
3. Coyotes present on streets or in parks and yards during morning or afternoon hours.
4. Coyotes chasing or taking pets in the daytime.
5. Coyotes attacking or taking pets while they are on a leash or near their owners and coyotes chasing joggers, bicyclists and other adults.
6. Coyotes present around children's play areas, schools or parks in the mid-day hours.
7. Coyotes acting aggressively toward adults in mid-day hours.

TO DELAY AGGRESSION:

- Let pets outside only when you are with them, especially at night.
- Never feed coyotes or any other wildlife.
- Keep pets and pet food inside. If feeding outside, feed pets during the day (no more than one hour) and remove the food and water bowls when finished.
- Stay close to pets when taking them outdoors and always keep them on a leash, especially from dusk through early morning hours.
- Remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- Bag food wastes such as meat scraps or leftover pet food.
- Keep trash in containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Use "hazing" techniques to shoo away coyotes, such as standing tall, yelling and waving arms while approaching the coyote; use a whistle, air horn, bell, bang pots or pans together; stomp your feet; use a water hose, pepper spray, or throw tennis balls or rocks at the coyote.
- Never run away from a coyote.**